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## Agitate For Steamers

Americans in the Far East are beginning to stir up agitation over the gradual disappearance of the American flag from the seas. A Manila paper publishes a long article beginning with the following: "Where is America's boasted im-  
portance in the commercial affairs of the Orient? Where is her vaunted shipping and mercantile supremacy in the import and export trade of the Philippine Islands, her own possession in the Far East? It is a myth. The annual report of the acting collector of customs shows that instead of gaining ground here our country is lagging behind year by year as far as shipping is concerned. The report shows that of the total import trade for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, \$16,697,111 gold, or 56%, was carried by British vessels. The British also carried 76% or \$26,015,019, of the export trade."

The next session of Congress is very near now. It is almost certain that this matter of shipping will be taken up and that some action will be taken which will put the idle Oceanic steamers on the run again and perhaps encourage a number of others in these waters.

## A Wonderful Modern Bandit

Bandit Raisuli is certainly a wonderful man in his line. It appears that Great Britain is about to yield to his demands and pay an enormous ransom for Sir Harry Maclean, whom the bandit seized some time ago. The power of the British empire is not enough to curb this one bandit leader, who claims to have retreats in which he says the combined armies of all Europe could not successfully attack him. To some such place he threatened to take the captured Scotchman if not dealt with diplomatically, and the British government, for the sake of the safety of its agent, can only "pay up." It would seem likely, however, that the ransom-paying will not be without efforts to capture Raisuli. It is not the first time he has secured money in such a way and there is no reason to expect reform. Raisuli has not kept his conventions and cannot expect good faith from those with whom he is dealing. The offer of another ransom may be a trap, and doubtless Raisuli is very ready to think that it is.

## Publicity's Influence

Taking as a text the reply of Wendell Phillips to a mob that tried to drown his voice in Faneuil hall,—"howl on, I speak to millions here," addressed to the press table, —James Schermerhorn of the Detroit Times recently delivered an address on newspaper publicity which gives some interesting thoughts on the most common of the criticisms launched against the public press. "The fear of seeing it in print," said this journalist, giving utterance to a truth of great importance "is as powerful a deterrent as the law and the policeman." Continuing, he said: "The saints cry, 'The unspeakable press' and from every insurance grafter, every political corruptionist, every corporation criminal, every swindler and impostor, arises a fervent 'Amen!'"

"The good people mean well enough. They are just ostriches, that's all, feeling as they plunge their heads into the sands of ignorance and concealment that all's well because all hidden."

"But there is no social or political health in suppression, no progress in concealment."

"The publisher is under contract with his subscriber to give him the story of the day in all its complex unfolding. About everything that is printed is sensational, out of the ordinary. Newspapers haven't room for the common run of occurrences when their readers are clamoring for 'what's new!' They work along the line of human interest, the same as preachers and presidents do to attract a following and wield an influence."

"The headlines are all a matter of taste. Some good men have long chin lines, while others wear no beard at all. Some churches have scare head lines, while others get along entirely without steeples."

"There is nothing fatal to society in the typographical whims of the newspaper or in its policy of appealing to the interest and imagination of the reader. Through sensational methods—performing miracles, spreading great feasts and using vivid parables—the great teacher prepared the minds and hearts of his hearers for the truth."

Mr. Schermerhorn added that page wide captions originated with the handwriting on the wall when some undesirable citizens were dining with Belshazzar. The newspapers get their audiences through typographical emphasis or a policy of printing the story of the day with a completeness and plainness that are sometimes startling and painful. But when the multitude is gathered together the papers talk to them of civic virtue, domestic fidelity and smashing the Trusts.

If it turns out that Louis Glass is innocent the San Francisco graft prosecutors may as well throw up their hands and quit.

## The Bolo Legislature

At a caucus held in Manila a short time ago the Hon. Representative Santos was called a liar by the Hon. Gomez, and promptly yanked a bolo from his pants hind pocket and attacked the user of the "shorter uglier word." This leads the Manila Cable news to predict a very lively session, and the first legislature of the Philippines may perhaps earn fame as the bolo parliament. The following rules are suggested by the paper mentioned, to govern the expected tumultuous House: "Caballeros will be

## Tales Worth Telling

COURAGE OF HIS CONVICTIONS.  
John C. Bell, District-Attorney of Philadelphia, and Justice John P. Elkin, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, were schoolmates, and the district-attorney is inconsiderate enough to tell this tale out of school about the justice:

"John," he says, "was a stubborn youth, and the teacher had all kinds of trouble with him. I remember he insisted upon saying 'have went,' and, to correct him, the teacher compelled him to remain after school one day and write 'have gone' three hundred times."

"After scribbling 'have gone' until his hand ached, John appended this note to the bottom of a sheet of paper: 'I have done my work and have went home.—J. P. E.'"

## PROOF NOT NEEDED.

As Gen. Benjamin F. Butler entered the lobby of the Boston State House one morning he saw two men whom he knew engaged in a heated argument. "One moment, General," said one of them to him; "can't you settle a dispute? We are arguing as to who is the greatest lawyer in Massachusetts, and as we can't agree we will leave it to you."

"That's easy, I am," said Butler, with perhaps more truth than modesty. "The two men were somewhat taken aback."

"Er—er—but, General, of course—you know—but—how can we prove it?" the first speaker managed to get out.

"Prove it? Prove it?" growled Butler. "You don't have to prove it. I admit it."

## LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM.

"But, you see, I don't love you," objected the fair young woman.

"Then why," demanded the indignant youth, "did you eat a total of sixty pounds of candy at eighty cents a pound, that I bought for you during the last year?"

"Because," she answered softly, with a soulful expression on her lovely face, "because I do love candy."

As the young man was taking leave for the night his voice, as he stood on the piazza, rose passionately in the still air.

"Just one," he said. "Just one." Then the young girl's mother interrupted, calling from her bedroom window.

"Just one? No, it ain't quite that yet. But it's close on to twelve, so I think you'd better be goin' just the same."

VANITY, SAITH THE PREACHER.  
During the French Revolution a priest rode in a tumbrel to the guillotine with two persons—one a marquis, the other a common thief.

As the car jolted through the crowded streets, the citizens shouted maledictions on the occupants.

"Down with the beasts of the aristocracy!" they cried.

The marquis smiled proudly, but the criminal was vexed.

"My good friends," he cried, "I am no aristocrat. I am a thief."

Then the priest touched his arm gently, murmuring:

"Ah, my son, this is no time for vanity."

THERE HAD BEEN TROUBLE.

"As odd a client as you can imagine," said Jerome K. Jerome at a lawyer's dinner, "called on a legal friend of mine in Rye one morning."

"She was an extremely pretty client, but her clear, soft eyes were red with weeping. Indeed, she was in tears as she entered my friend's office. Her little form shook with sobs."

"Well, my dear," said he (perhaps I should explain that this client was hardly more than seven or eight years old), "well, my dear, what can I do for you?"

"Please, sir," said the child weeping piteously, "I want to get a divorce from my papa and mama."

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